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Thousands Watch CIO Labor Parade

Colorful Costumes, Themes, Floats Stress Political Action In 1948

Toledo CIO, alerted by the political happenings of the past nine months, gave a public demonstration of its thoughts and promises in its annual Labor Day Parade this year in which the principal theme was the Taft-Hartley Act and the CIO's reaction to it.

Thousands of marchers liberally interspersed their ranks with signs, slogans and significant floats to indicate their awarness of their economic and political interests and their intention of doing something about it, held the interest of approximately 100,000 spectators who lined the parade route.

Principal target for the CIO barbs was the Taft-Hartley bill. Many laughs were provoked by six members of the Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12 carrying a coffin which carried the inscription, "Hartley First. Next Taft." Immediately behind the coffin Taft was carried, hung in effigy.

Another telling shot at the Taft-Hartley Act was accomplished by the Willys-Overland Unit's float which depicted the union's Sand Lake Summer Camp with a group of children playing in the sand while another view showed Taft and Hartley presiding over another group of children playing with refuse on a city dump.

Prizes Are Awarded

Prizes for floats were awarded to Willys-Overland, to Auto-Lite for its "United Nations through United Labor" theme and to the A & P Unit of Local 363 for its colorful labor-mangagement theme.

Commentary on rising prices was accomplished by a group of marchers dressed as sides of pork, chickens, corn and other

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New War Fraud Probe Opening

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA) — The good-sized handouts received by many war contractors under the generous and quick-as-lighting war contract termination rules set up by Congress will be scrutinized in September when the House Committee on Executive Expenditures opens hearings.

Representative George H. Bender (R., Ohio) is chairman of the subcommittee conducting the investigation, which will deal with "fraud and overpayment in government procurement contracts."

The committee already has promised that it will not use the approach of Senator Owen Brewster's investigation of the Howard Hughes contract last month. Said Representative Bender, "If any of you expect us to put on a hippodrome, you're going to be terribly disappointed.

The General Accounting Office and the Justice Dep't have both presented material to Congress which was referred to this committee, dealing with cases of fraud and overcharging the government found in war contracts.

Mack Local Remembers Good Turn

Those who doubt the truth of the saying, "One good turn deserves another," or the other "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you," will be interested in a story that concerns the Local 12 Children's Summer Camp and a group of Mack Truck workers who just one year ago were on strike and came to Toledo to lead the Labor Day Parade.

Local 12 and other Toledo UAW-CIO unions contributed generously to the Mack strikers cause aiding them to maintain themselves and win their strike. This week the favor was returned when the Mack Truck Local 677, Allentown, Pa., sent $200 to the Local 12 Summer Camp and its sincere wishes for the camp's successs.

Mack Local's gift plus $25 donated by the Packard Unit of Local 12 and $100 from the camp maintenance fund brought the total donations given to the Sand Lake project to $18,305.

Previously reported, $17,980. Reported this week, $325. Total donations to date, $18,305.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Local 12 Summer Camp and mailed to Howard Rediger, 425 Winthrop St. Donations will continue to be accepted according to Mr. Rediger who has directed the drive for funds for the camp.

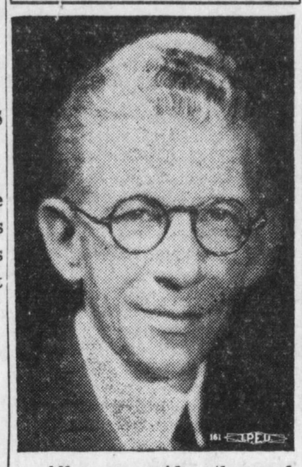
Back Pay Claims Limited Severely After Sept. 12

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—Union lawyers--already snowed under with the details of life under the Taft-Hartley law—are working rapidly this week to protect workers who otherwise may lose their rights to back pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The new "portal-to-portal" law, passed by Congress last May, says that claims for back wages will be restricted to pay lost during the previous two years, or a shorter period in states where the statute of limitations covers a shorter period.

Sept. 12 is the deadline for filing such suits under the more liberal rule that only the state statute of limintations decides the period over which pay can be claimed.

Poor Bet



All puns aside, the real estate lobby is happy over the election of Rep. Ralph A. Gamble (R., N. Y.) as chairman of the joint congressional committee to investigate the housing shortage. Gamble, and Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.) are avowed foes of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner general housing bill. (LPA)

Standard Contract Approved

PORT CLINTON, Sept. 3—Approval of the contract between Local 497, UAW-CIO, and the Standard Products Co. of this city was announced this week by Howard Seren, attached to the office of Richard Gosser, United Auto Workers regional director. Mr. Seren said that the contract had been given the approval of Kenneth Forbes, Region 1-D director who heads the Standard Products Intra-Corporation Council.

Terms of the agreement call for 14-cents-an-hour plant-wide wage hike with 1 cent for adjustment of plant inequalities and vacation pay increases advancing from 44 to 48 hours and from 89 to 96 hours.

Important in the new contract is a non-liability clause for the Union under the Taft-Hartley Act which is patterned upon the Ford-UAW-CIO contract stipulation.

Also agreed upon in the new contract is maintenance of membership with voluntary check-off and clarification of the clause on call-in pay and a new clause covering the transfer of employes.

T-H Law Now Worries Publishers

NEW YORK (LPA) — The American Newspaper Publishers Association has called a secret conference in Chicago this week "for discussion of employe negotiations and legal opinions under the new (Taft-Hartley) law." Among those invited to the meeting is Gerard Reilly, former NLRB member who helped draft the T-H bill. The powerful International Typographical Union (AFL) and the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) are both bypassing the T-H version of the NLRB.

PAC-CIO To Name Officers

Election of officers for the year will be the principal business to come before the general membership meeting of the PAC-CIO, to be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., next Monday night according to Clayton Rusch, chairman. The meeting will begin at 8:15 p. m.

In addition to the election of officers, there will be a discussion of proposed endorsements of candidates. No endorsements will be made at the Monday night meeting.

Plans for getting out a large vote this fall through a registration drive which is now under way will be outlined to the membership meeting. Letters to all Local unions and Units have already been sent out by Tom Burke, TIUC executive secretary, and Clayton Rusch outlining the arrangements which have been made for a concerted registration drive.

Members of the PAC executive board will meet at 7 p. m. Monday prior to the general membership meeting. All officers are urged to be present for an important discussion.

Glass Union Wins Praise

Officers and members of Local 9, CIO-Federation of Glass, Ceremic and Silica Sand Workers were praised for their cooperation with the Libbey-Owens Ford Glass Co. here recently by Tom Boardman, Cleveland Press labor editor.

Chief concern of the special article in the Press is the company's efforts aided by the co-operation of the union to hold the price line of their product by "CIO production workers, who have a will to work and encourage, rather than oppose introduction of labor-saving machinery."

Despite spiraling material costs, new wage increases and uncertain demand, the article states that the company is not only managing to hold its prices stable, but actually is offering to supply glass for future delivery to contractors at "today's prices for projects not yet begun."

Outlines the Way

This stabilization of prices has been accomplished by teamwork by CIO production workers, skillful engineers and an executive staff that is finding new uses for glass.

The co-operation between the union and company in the matter of prices is recognized by a quote from Joseph Froesch, International Glassworkers president stated at the time the last wage increase was agreed upon:

The union recognizes that full, uninterrupted production at low unit cost is necessary to take the pressure off prices, curb inflation, and bring down living costs. The union will do everything possible publicly and privately to urge its members to individual co-operation in full production."

USA Beats IAM At Vultee Vote

ATLANTA (LPA)—In one of the last NLRB elections held under the old Wagner Act, employees of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation at Nashville, Tenn., voted 2 to 1 for United Steelworkers (CIO). The plant, which only has 2,000 workers now, expects to employ up to 5,000 when it is working at capacity. The vote: 903 for USA-CIO; 464 for International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated).

Kheel Gets Labor Post

NEW YORK (LPA)—Mayor O'Dwyer last week appointed Theodore W. Kheel as director of New York City's Labor Relations Division. Kheel, former executive director of the National War Labor Board, succeeds Edward C. Maguire on Sept. 1.

YOU'LL LIKE IT

Conceded to be one of the finest editorial pages in any labor paper in the nation, the UNION JOURNAL each week presents opinions relating to timely topics in which labor is interested. Read the editorial page each week for the views of the union on current issues and topics. Your comments on subjects discussed will be welcomed and printed in the "Editor's Mail" column. Read Page Four.

Murray Warns 'Labor Is In A Fighting Mood'

Cites Prices And Profits In Call For Union Action

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 3 (LPA)—In a fighting speech, CIO President Philip Murray this week asserted; "We are tired of having our nation set a poor example for the rest of the world."

When World War II ended, Murray recalled, "many of us thought—and all of us hoped—that a new and better civilization could be built." America, in its role of world leadership, bore a heavy responsibility, he continued.

"Our conception of political democracy and economic capitalism was thus put on trial," the CIO official declared, in a Labor Day broadcast over the American Broadcasting Co. network.

"How have we as individuals and as a nation performed?" he asked.

Profiteers Lead Nation

In the name of protecting the nation against "threats to democracy" and "plots to destroy capitalism," Murray said, "powerful men eager for profit and determined to obtain undue benefits for special interests ... began leading the nation along the path that two decades ago carried us to a boom and then into a terrible depression."

"These powerful interests killed OPA," Murray charged, "at a time when the CIO said that the OPA should be continued until production was able to catch up with demand. The high prices and enormous profits of today provide convincing proof that we were right and that our opponents were wrong." As a result, the CIO head predicted "chaos in the future."

His second charge against the vested interests was that they pushed through the Taft-Hartley law, cynically talking about the need for equalizing management's rights with those of labor. "This act," Murray charged, "hailed by spokesmen for special interests as something of a cure-all for our labor-management ills, was designed to take away many of the gains labor had secured over the years through free collective bargaining."

Hypocrisy Is Revealed

"Here again is revealed the hypocrisy of those who fight the nation's working men and women."

"The Taft-Hartley Act became law as a direct result of a heavily financed political action program designed and executed by business and industry."

"Yet the Act itself is designed to curtail the political action program of the CIO and all of organized labor."

"Union men and women," Murray declared, "are turning to political action to reverse these trends." He concluded:

"They want a high standard of living for the many—not a high margin of profit for the few. They want better homes, better working conditions, improved medical care, adequate educational facilities and real opportunities for advancement.

"And these things they shall have if they will use their full economic and political strength wisely.

"American labor could face no greater challange—and no greater opportunity—on this Labor Day of 1947."

CIO Queen And Her Court

Honored in the CIO Labor Day parade was the Labor Day Queen and her court of honor. Seated on the float sponsored by Dura Local 16, the queen and the other ladies made a pretty sight and brought forth many an expression of admiration from the crowd of 75,000 spectators who lined the parade route. The queen, Helen Hageman—is seated on the throne, with her is Elsie Shimpf, Lady-in-waiting and Bernice Davis and Evelyn Dimmer, maids of honor.

2-B Stoppages Are Unsettled

Galion Workers Join UAW; Town Favorable To Union

None of Region 2-B's strikes which began prior to the Taft-Hartley laws effective date had been settled up to Wednesday of this week, it was reported by Walter Murphy, asistant to Richard Gosser, regional director.

Nearest to settlement, according to Mr. Murphy, was the strike of American Floor Surfacing Co. employes who have been idled for the past three weeks. Hope for an early pact was expressed by both Mr. Murphy and Local 12 officials.

Meetings held this week between Local 12 officials and managements of the Commercial Metals Treating Co. and the Ranson and Randolph Co. led to no progress. No settlement is in sight in either case. No progress was reported in the case of the Hall Unit of Local 12.

Galion Strike Continues

Showing no signs of settlement was the strike of employes of the North Electric Co. of Galion and Mt. Gilead, O. who began their stoppage last week when the company management rejected their bid for a representation election by consent.

Organizational efforts have continued among the company's

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Drive Group To Name Officers

SANDUSKY, Sept. 3—Membes and pledges to the UAW-CIO organizational drive at the G. M.'s New Departure plant here will meet tomorrow night to elect temporary officers who will serve until the UAW-CIO has won the plant's bargaining rights, according to Howard Seren, UAW-CIO representative from the staff of Richard Gosser, Toledo, Region 2-B director.

Nominations were held on August 21 for the temporary officers.

Organization is progressing steadily with a good gain each week in members according to officials in charge of the work. Most pleasing of all to the union representatives is the amount of assistance which is being given the organization efforts from workers outside the plant.

Michael E. Patrick, International UAW-CIO representative has been assigned by the union to aid in the organization work. Representative Patrick came here from Columbus where he worked in the successful drive to organize the Ternstedt plant into the UAW-CIO.

Boss Strike Deadlocked

Strike of 100 employes of the Boss Mfg. Co. entered its second month on Labor Day which was celebrated by the workers marching in the CIO Parade. No settlement of the issues is in sight it was announced this week by Chester Kapela, manager of the Toledo Joint Board, ACWA-CIO.

Standing in the way of settlement of the strike is the 20 per cent wage hike and six paid holidays asked by the union in its negotiations with the company. The company management has refused to even discuss holiday pay, according to Mr. Kapela.

Efforts of the union to refer the case to an L-M-C panel have been rejected by the company.

No meetings were in sight this week acording to union officials. Picket lines are being maintained before the company Hawley St. plant.

Roulet Disowns His Own

The strange paradox of a politician disavowing his own brain child was illustrated on Monday of this week when Mayor Lloyd Roulet, sponsor of the "Roulet Plan" before City Council last year, and in front of the first meeting of the City Government Study Committee nine months ago, rejected his plan on the ballot without signers to a petition and in the face of the evidence that the PR plan itself got on the ballot some years ago through Council action. Council voted 5 to 4 against the plan leaving the PR system without immediate threat and freer than it has been for the past few years.

Voting against the proposal were Mayor Lloyd Roulet and Councilmen James B. Simmons, Jr., Ollie Czelusta, Arthur M. Jurrus and Earl O. Lehman.

Voting for the issue were Vice-Mayor Michael V. DiSalle, and Councilmen Tom Burke, Len Donovan and Addison Q. Thacher.

Mayor Roulet advanced his "plan" last year when the PR system was seriously threatened by a Mayor-21-man Council plan proposed by Dr. William B. Guitteau.

Szeve Named At Foundry Meeting

Heinz Szeve, Rathbun-Jones Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO was elected chairman of the International Foundry Wage and Hour Sub-Council at a meeting held last week at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland.

Others elected included, Furl William, Local 975, Lima and Albert Schneider, Local 12 recording secretary.

Delegates heard talks on foundry health and safety practices and the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

Hold Those Pay Bonds

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Hold onto those terminal leave bonds, even though veterans of World War II can cash them at their neighborhood bank beginning Sept. 1, the AFL Veterans Committee advised last week.

The bonds will continue to bear interest at the rate of 2½ per cent for their full five years and the AFL advised veterans to hold their bonds, if possible, to maturity.

They Love A Parade

Kids, who are the real enthusiasts when it comes to watching a parade are even more so when it comes to participating in one. This was shown on Labor Day when a group of children who had spent their two weeks vacation at the Local 12 Sand Lake Camp joined in and marched along with the CIO. Leading the group was the Local 12 bus used to carry the children to and from the Lake. Following are the children led by Frank Molik, camp director. The kids loved it.

W-O Prize Winning Float

First prize for floats was given to the Willys-Overland Unit float depicting the benefits to be gained from the Local 12 Sand Lake Summer Camp while on the other end of the float, characters representing Taft and Hartley presided over children playing with dirt and rubbish on a city dump. The theme impressed both the judges and the thousands of spectators who lined the parade route.

New NLRB Faces Workless Future

Denham Ruling Causes Unions To Ignore Filing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—Prospects mounted this week that the new National Labor Relations Board, which announced itself last week as "open for business" under the Taft-Hartley anti-labor law, may find itself with practically no business from the regular labor movement.

What created this situation was a ruling by Robert N. Denham, the board's general counsel, that before any local AFL or CIO union may utilize the services of the board, each top officer of the parent body must file the Taft-Hartley affidavits disclaiming Communist membership or affiliation.

Most CIO unions have already announced they will boycott the board, so it can look for little business from that group. Many AFL unions, on the other hand, have indicated they will comply, but before they can use NLRB machinery, each member of the AFL Executive Council must also sign the affidavits.

AFL Is Question

If one member of the Council refuses to sign, the entire 7,500,000 members of AFL affiliates would, under Denham's ruling, be "frozen out" by the board.

Reports have been widespread in Washington that President John L. Lewis of the Miners may balk at signing as a matter of principle. The AFL, in its latest weekly news service, left a broad intimation that not only Lewis, but other members of the Council, may also refuse.

"While there is not the slightest suspicion of a 'Red' tinge among the membership of the Executive Council," the AFL news service declared, "a fundamental principle is involved in the filing of such affidavits which makes the decicion whether to comply a weighty one. The only alternative would be to boycott the services of the NLRB altogether."

Will Weigh Resistance

The news service added that the Council, at its quarterly meeting which opens Sept. 8 in Chicago, will "weigh the advisability of compliance or resistance."

Should the Council decide against signing, that would mean no local lodge of any AFL affiliate could utilize the NLRB. If the CIO adheres to a comparable position, all members of both organizations — 13,500,000 in all — may then be barred access to the NLRB's services.

In that event, the NLRB would become an agency handling only cases filed by employers and by independent unions —that is, unless Denham revises his drastic ruling, or the parent organizations decide to go along with the affidavit requirements.

Chinese Unions Fight For Life

WASHINGTON (LPA)—"Here's a little pamphlet that will tell you something of what has happened to the labor movement in China," said Chu Hsueh-fan.

Chu, president of the Chinese Association of Labor, reached into his brief case and handed the reporter a thin green pamphlet. "In fact," said Chu, "you won't even have to open it to understand one of the worst tragedies that has struck the working people of my country."

The reporter was puzzled for a moment, reading and re-reading the title. Then, in a bottom corner, he discovered that the price of the pamphlet was $1200.

Tells Of Inflation

"That is not extraordinary," said Chu in a soft, modulated voice. "After I left Hong Kong one single American dollar could be exchanged for $50,000 in Chinese money. That little $1200 pamphlet is worth just about 10 cents."

Chinese wages are still frozen while the cost of living continues to climb, but the major calamity, according to Chu, is that organized labor is not free to do anything about it. In fact, organized labor under Chiang Kai-Shek is not free in any sense of the word, he maintained.

"Ours is probably the most heartbreaking story in the post-war world," continued the CAL president. "After eight long years of fighting the Japanese occupation, after such horrors as the rape of Nanking and other cities, after countless sacrifices, tortures, killings and starvation organized labor in China is now in as bad a situation as it was before the occupation."

Take Of Unions

Hitler destroyed the German labor movement and set up his own labor front, Chu pointed out, but Chiang Kai-Shek thought he had a better idea. He took over the CAL, seized its properties and arrested or exiled its officers but continued to hold out the new phony organization as the Chinese Association of Labor.

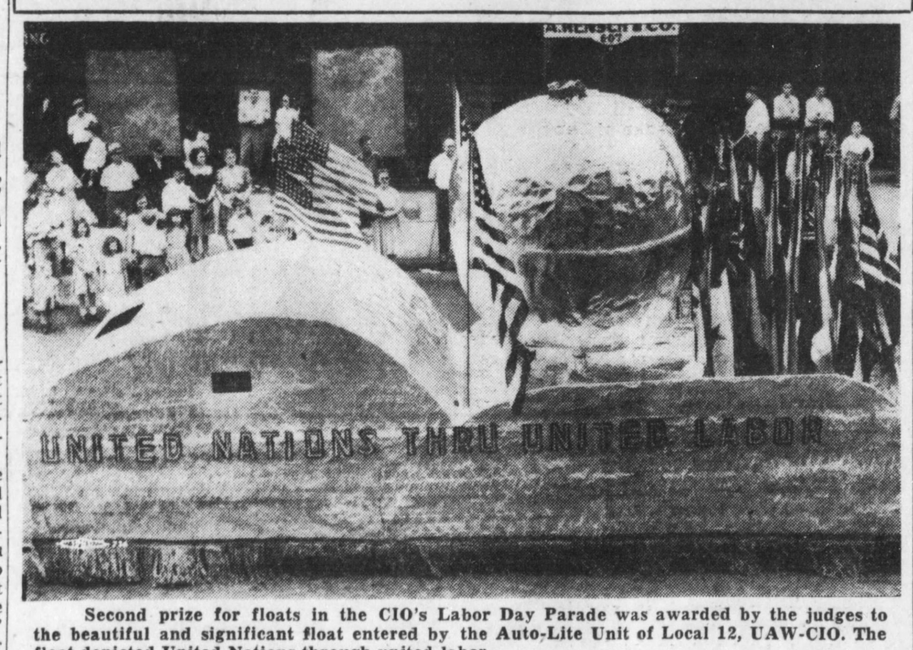
When Chiang's action became known the AFL, CIO, the British Trade Union Congress and other union groups throughout the world were quick to protest. But Chu today is an exile living in Hong Kong where the British have permitted CAL headquarters to operate since Chiang drove it from Shanghai.

Brewery Workers File With NLRB

CINCINNATI, Sept. 3 (LPA)—First CIO union to indicate that it would not by-pass the Taft-Hartley version of the NLRB is the United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink, & Distillery Workers.

The union's general executive board, meeting here in mid-August, voted that the international "will make every honorable endeavor to comply with the law." The union will register with the Labor Dep't. but it was made clear in the Brewery Worker, official publi-cation, that "This does not mean that our organization approves of the Taft-Hartley Law, or that we have departed from the opinion that a major portion of that law is unconstitutional and will be so declared when subjected to action in the courts. It simply means that, as long as this law remains on the statute books, our organization will conform to it."

Auto-Lite Wins Prize



Second prize for floats in the CIO's Labor Day Parade was awarded by the judges to the beautiful and significant float entered by the Auto-Lite Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO. The float depicted United Nations through united labor.

Congress Probe Aims To Indict Co-op Ventures

Protests Fail To Stop Congressional Smearing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—Undismayed by the storm of protest caused by their "smear" hearings on the Greenbelt, Md., consumers coperatives, members of the House Small Business Committee now are turning their attention to farmers' co-ops.

The secretary of Greenbelt Consumers Services Inc. at the hearings' end charged that two of the three members of the subcommittee—Reps. Walter Pleeser (R., Mo.) and Walter Riehlman (R., N.Y.)—"acted as prosecutors rather than men trying to find out the facts.

Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) vigorously defended the co-ops in the hearings, and was the dissenter when the subcommittee voted, two to one, to urge that the Federal Public Housing Administration end the "monopoly" privileges of the co-op in occupying the shopping center in the federally-sponsored community.

Supporters of the co-op pointed out in the hearings that private housing developments follow the practice of limiting the number of stores and theatres and gas stations within the project, just as the federal government did when the Greenbelt community was built with federal funds 10 years ago.

Dillon S. Meyer, head of the Public Housing Administration which will operate Greenbelt until the comunity is sold either to present residents or to a private owner — as required by Congress in the near future — vigorously defended the present set-up. "The people of Greenbelt have their own government and their co-op," he said, "they could put it out of business. I think that a co-op is just as much a part of the free enterprise system as a corporation."

Negro Trainmen Sue For Rights

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—Another suit aimed to insure the job rights of Negro railway trainmen and locomotive firemen was filed in the U. S. District Court here last week. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway and 23 officials of the Railway Conductors, Railroad Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, and Locomotive Engineers' unions were named defendants.

For more than 40 years, the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen and Locomotive Firemen charges, the railroads and the unions "have persistently tried to drive Negroes out of train, engine and yard service solely because of race." The suit refers specifically to a union agreement with the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway signed in 1928, which restricts future hiring of Negroes to the jobs of train porters only.

The Supreme Court has ruled favorably to the Negro rail workers in two cases which involve southern railroads, cases which were referred back to the local courts where the cases originated. Latest figures show that there were 2000 colored locomotive firemen — in skilled jobs paying $250 to $300 a month—in May 1945.

The Negro union leaders charge that, with the growing use of Diesel engines and resulting elimination of firemen, their ranks are being depleted by firings, instead of upgrading to engineers as is the practice with white skilled workers.

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foods, while the Toledo Standard Commutator Unit, fitted with extra large feet, bore a sign reading "Stamp Out Communism."

Spicer Unit won the prize for marching units for its anti-discrimination thesis, while Willys-Overland won an award for their contingent.

Picnic Draws 8,000

Following the parade, 8,000 CIO members and their friends and families journeyed to Navarre Park for the annual picnic.

Refreshments and amusements were furnished free to the children while many games and contests provided the incentive for a large group of prize winners. Following are the winners of the prizes:

Ann Mattox, 3218 Mayo St., blueberry pie eating; Melvin Cumpston, 945 Clark St., 50-yard race for boys through 10; Joyce Ball, 723 Grove Place, 50-yard race for girls through 10; Wayne Kautz, 957 Forsythe St., 50-yard race for boys through 16; Julia Martin, 1925 Owens St., 50-yard race for girls through 16; Robert Teet and Melvin Moulton, both of R. D. 1, Toledo, three-legged race; D. J. Porter, 721 Pinewood Ave., member of the Auto-Lite Unit of Local 12, UAW, largest family—10.

In the tug-of-war contests, the married men won from the single men while the married women reversed the act and carried the single girls over the finish line.

NOW Is The Time To Join PAC

NLRB Faces Court Action

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (LPA)--The question of whether or not unions that refuse to file the "non-Communit" affidavits with the National Labor Relations Board will be able to maintain their rights in cases decided before the Taft-Hartley law went into effect Aug. 22 was still open last week.

"Test case" may be the NLRB decision handed down Aug. 21, ordering the reinstatement of eight employes of the Geraldine Novelty Co. in Gloversville, N.Y. The eight were members of the Fur and Leather Workers-CIO, whose international president, Ben Gold, is an avowed Communist.

There are two questions which have not been answered by NLRB officials:

1. Can this union, which is unable to file the required non-Communist affidavits, ask the NLRB to go into court to enforce the NLRB's August 21 order that the company reinstate the eight CIO workers with back pay?

2. Can the NLRB proceed against the Ladies Handbag, Luggage & Novelty Workers-AFL, which expelled the CIO members from the AFL union because of their dual loyalties, thus precipitating the firing of the workers under a closed shop contract? Under the T-H law, a union cannot expel members working under a union shop agreement except for non-payment of dues.

Hundreds of cases less complex but equally perplexing, will have to be reviewd by the new five-man NLRB in the weeks ahead.

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office workers who were not included in the original organization drive, but which they joined when the corporation rejected the union's request for an election and bargaining rights.

Approximately 40 per cent of the office workers who were reported to have joined the UAW-CIO last week were increased this week when a new group of office employes threw in their lot with the union.

High spirits and determination to win recognition was reported by Edward J. Duck, international union representative attached to the office of Director Richard Gosser. Sentiment favorable to the strikers is reported to have gained among the people of Galion who are wishing the workers success in their endeavor to secure an effective bargaining representative.

Seek 3rd Party

LOS ANGELES (LPA)—The newly formed Independent Progressive Party of California this week opened a drive for 276,000 signatures on a petition to put a state third party on the ballot in California. Party head Hugh Bryson, president of the Marine Cooks and Stewards (CIO) and chairman of the Joint Trade Union Committee for the Third Party said that the new party would help to send a Wallace delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1948.

WAGE RAISES GRANTED REGION 2-B UAW-CIO.

LOCAL 12

Plant	Employes	Wage Increase
American Can Co.	550	13½**
Acme Specialty	60	11½**
AVCO	70	11½**
Ayling-Reichert		11½**
Baron Steel	16	15**
Bingham	300	11½**
Bliss Fdy.	246	11½**
Buckeye Paint	14	11½**
Butcher-Hart	—	10-15**
Champion	2250	11½**
DeVilbiss	1000	11½**
Lakeside	250	11½**
duPont Chemical	30	10**
Ensign Foundry	80	15**
Fort Pitt Steel	20	11½**
Gordon	320	11½**
Mather Spring	200	11**
Plaskon	225	11½**
National Supply	900	15
Swartzbaugh	525	11**
Spicer Manufacturing	4000	11½**
Spicer Office	300	11½**
Tillotson Mfg.		11½**
Tol. Indus. Ht. Tr.	22	11½**
Toledo Industrial Rubber	—	5-11½**
Toledo Pressed Steel	150	11½**
Tol. Por. Enamel	155	11½**
Tol. Steel Tube	183	10
Rathbun-Jones	80	15
Willys-Overland	5800	11½**
Local 14		
AP Parts	150	11½**
Rauh	60	11½**
American Swiss	300	11½**
Toledo Mach. & Tool	800	11 8/10**
Local 16		
Dura Div. (Det. Har. Co.)	900	11½**
Local 48		
Unitcast Corp.	550	11½**
Local 105 (Wapakoneta)		
Wapakoneta Machine Co.	75	12-3
Local 106 (Lima)		
Lima Loco	2400	15
Local 493 (Bellevue)		
Bellevue Mfg. Co.		11½**
Local 497 (Port Clinton)		
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Price Probe To Soon Open

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA) — Housewives, union leaders, and civic workers are preparing their exhibits of high prices for the touring Congressional committee which begins one and two-day stands in local communities in the middle of September.

Members of the joint Congresional committee investigating high prices — and presumably committed to work out solutions — have announced the schedule of hearings along the eastern seaboard, and in the middle west.

Mid-west hearings are planned for: Cleveland—Sept. 23; Chicago—Oct. 1; Minneapolis—Oct. 7; Kansas City—Oct. 14; Dallas, Tex.—Nov. 5; Little Rock, Ark.—Nov. 10; Birmingham, Ala.—Nov. 13. Chairman of the group covering this route is Representative George H. Bender (R., Ohio).

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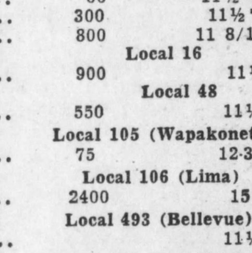

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UAW-CIO Consumer Counsel Gives Battle To Paycheck Looters

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—If the A&P chain stores screen their prospective employment managers with a microscope these days the reason may very well be Donald Montgomery, consumer counsel of the United Auto Workers-CIO.

It's very likely that the A&P has wished many times it had not hired Montgomery as employment manager in Jersey City in 1921. As an A&P alumnus he showed anything but reverence for his alma mater when he helped direct a Federal Trade Commission investigation into the nation's chain stores from 1930 to 1933. Since then he has been a frequent thorn in the side of the chain stores and other retail food groups that have spread their control over food prices and production.

As consumer counsel for the nation's largest union, Montgomery's job is unique. No other American union lists such a employe. Acknowldged now as one of the nation's outstanding experts in his field, Montgomery's work has frequently—particularly during the war years—taken him far beyond the field of consumer protection and into such subjects as the wage-price issue and currently the steel industy's scarcity-production program.

Served in Administration

Before joining the UAW in February 1943, Montgomery served as consumer counsel for the Agricultural Department for seven years. Following graduation from the University of Pennsylvania and two years of post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin he wrote financial copy for the New York News Bureau. Subsequently he assisted three professors in preparing testimony in a Federal Trade Commission case against the steel trust. Later he was employed by the Wisconsin Department of Markets and the Wisconsin attorney general to administer the state unfair competition and anti-trust statutes, and worked on an anti-trust case against the meat packers. In 1934 and 1935 he directed the registration division of the Securities & Exchange Commission.

From his years with the Agriculture Department and War Food Administration Montgomery has continued into his union work his running battle with food profitteers, with quality gyppers and a host of private interests that have eternal exploited the pocketbooks of the nation's wage earners. A witty and prolific writer, Montgomery has brought a scathing gift of satire to bear on trusts, monopolies, profiteers and labor's enemies on the economic front in scores of magazine and newspaper articles.

Relishes a Battle

Montgomery relishes a battle with the big boys and special privilege interests. Looking back over three and a half years as a member of the OPA Labor Policy Committee he and other committee members can see more clearly now than during the war years what an uphill battle it was against the unceasing maneuvering by industry and big business for the destruction of price ceilings.

Union Beats T-H

NEW YORK (LPA) — In a contract covering 20,000 employes of the city's five largest department stores, locals of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (CIO) and the Retail Labor Standards Association last week agreed to a no-strike pledge good until Feb. 1, 1949, and retention of the union shop until Aug. 21, 1948. The contracts were not due to expire until next February but the unions requested an earlier reopening in order to sign the new contracts before the Taft-Hartley law went into effect.

Glassworkers Win Pay Raise

ATLANTIC CITY (LPA) — The 8,000 skilled glassworkers in the country received wage increases of 8 to 10 cents an hour last week in an agreement between the American Flint Glass Workers Union (AFL) and the National Association of Manufacturers of Pressed and Blown Glassware. Two weeks earlier, 26,000 glassworkers in other classifications had received increases of 6 to 10 cents an hour.

Co-Op Critic

Out to "get" consumers and farmers cooperatives is Rep. Walter Ploeser (R., Mo.) who last week opened a "smear" investigatioon of the Greenbelt, Md. cooperative shopping center before a subcommittee of the House Small Business Committeee. Ploeser, a foe of price controls and government protection of the consumer from way back, plans further hearings in other parts of the country. (LPA)

Illinois CIO Wallops CPs

CHICAGO, Sept. 3 (LPA)—Incoming officers of the Illinois State Industrial Union Council, elected at the convention this week, claimed a clear-cut victory for anti-Communist CIO forces in the state as a result of the meeting.

After a bitter battle, in which charges that "goons" were being used were thrown by both sides, delegates voted a straight anti-Communist slate into office. For president, they chose United Steelworkers Regional Director Joseph Germano; other officers are Vice-President Philip Weightman, from the Packinghouse Workers, and Secretary-Treasurer Maurice F. McElligott of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Test of strength at the three-day convention came on a proposal brought in by Michael Mann, chairman of the constitution committee, to reduce the size of the executive board from 30 to nine members. The vote was 93,394 in favor, and 62,921 opposed.

Stevedores Sue

NEW YORK (LPA)—In an action to recover overtime wages, 3,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL) brought suit in Federal Court last week against 60 stevedoring companies for claims amounting to almost $5,000,000. Two test cases on similar suits will be up before the U. S. Supreme Court this fall but it has become necessary to file the rank and file claims early because when the amended Fair Labor Standards Act goes into effect on Sept. 12, as voted by Congress, unfiled claims antedating Sept. 12, 1945, will be worthless.

Don't Kill The Goose That Lays The Golden Egg

When fifty hours per week
Was the Auto Workers bit,
No extra dough for overtime
No way to complain but to quit,
And the C. I. O. came forward
With forty hours for all
And time and a half for overtime
Sundays double time per call,
Who was there in the ranks of Labor
Raised the feeblest voice,
'Gainst shorter hours and better pay
It was their unanimous choice.
Did you hear a person say then,
"To Hell with the C. I. O.
I want less pay and longer hours
Time and one half is too much dough."

Nor do you hear a single one say,
"I don't want to accept the pay,
That the union got me for Memorial, Independ[ence],
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day."
When the bosses "rule of favorites"
Was the only rule we had,
And your job was worth two cents
If you made the foreman mad,
Or when you couldn't hit the pace,
And you were tired and sore,
They ushered in a young recruit,
And shoved you out the door,
And the Union said "Seniority"
Would be the fairest way
And established rights that no Boss
Can take away today,
Whose voice cried out "lay me off"
Seniority is not right
Whose voice condemned the C. I. O.
For fighting for this right.

And so again when the C. I. O.
Wins the battle for the aged
And pensions that are adequate
Thruout the land are paid.
When unemployed are paid enough
To keep them all from want,
And public works are great enough
To give the fit a job,
I still maintain that you won't find
A man to turn his back
And say "give back my pension,"
Or "My unemployed wage take back."
"I don't believe in these things
Because the C. I. O.
Was the Union that fought for them,
So please take back the dough."

What manner of men are these men
Who take all they can get,
From the efforts of the C. I. O.
Yet feel they owe no debt?
They call the Union radical
And heap upon it blame.
Repeating every story,
That tarnishes its name.
No man is there more ignorant,
Than one who scorns his friends
Or bites the hand that's feeding him
And hurts him to the end.
If you would fight the C. I. O.
Or blacken its fair name,
Give back the rights it gained for you
If it is all the same.

—Willys Eagle

Realtors Lose In N. Y. Fight

NEW YORK (LPA)—Real estate interests have lost out in their fight to prevent passage of a series of bills establishing controls over rents and evictions and penalizing violations of these laws in New York City.

The City Council, by votes of 16 to 3, approved the measures last week. The Board of Estimate must still vote on the bills, and they will require Mayor O'Dwyer's signature before they become law.

Steel Shortage Forces G. M. Plants Closing

DETROIT (LPA)—The steel shortage this week forced the closing of General Motors plants employing more than 70,000 workers around the country. Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers (CIO) has called upon Michigan's Governor Kim Sigler to see to it that the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission adds sufficient personnel to its staff to make prompt payments to those workers laid off because of the steel shortage.

Demo Head Tells CIO

PORT HURON, Mich. (LPA) At commencement exercises of the FDR-CIO Labor Center last week, Gael Sullivan, executive director of the Democratic National Committee, told Michigan CIO members that "Labor is up for survival in 1948." Criticizing the recent Congress as "opening with a prayer and closing with a probe," Mr. Sullivan declared, "there won't be any post-election for labor in 1948 if you vote to retain the GOP Congress."

National Supply Unit News

By "Shorty" Sager

You brothers who never attend union meetings, only when you want more money, ask yourself these questions:

Why can't I attend one union meeting a month?

Why do I vote union officers in office and then never attend a meeting, to see how things are running?

Why do I expect my union to see to it that I get every break it possibly can get for me, even though I don't attend meetings to help keep up their morale?

I wonder how my officers feel when I can get by and not attend any meetings? Let me see—I pay 37½ cents per week union dues, and so do my union officers that I helped to elect, and they don't get one cent for their time. Is he a sucker, or am I a heel?

Birthday congratulations are in order for Bill O'Brien. The boys presented him with a pack of half cigarettes. Seems like Bill smokes his cigarettes half way and puts it out for the next time. We didn't know Bill was a Scotchman!

The girls should be doing pretty good now since Russ Eaton is back from his vacation.

After serving his apprenticeship for a year and one-half, Roscoe Bugg has finally become a material move man!

Roy Keeler, the Michigan Hill Billy, finally attended a union meeting. We weren't sure whether he had a T shirt on or his pajama tops.

The Automatic bowling team in Dept. 36 is trying to get new shirts. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

After being Leader in Dept. 36 for a month, Rufus Cutts will be glad to be back on his Grinder!

Jitterbug Johnny Fey is in the height of his glory now. He has five tools on his machine cutting at the same time!

It's been reported that Gus Zimmerman is getting by without taking a vacation. Could it be that he mows Louie Bock's grass? Or is he baby sitting?

The Acklinite

By Martin Bachli

Last Saturday the shop had its annual picnic, sponsored by the A. A. C. and up to date was the finest which we ever had.

The various committees are to be thanked for the good work. As usual some of the boys just had to indulge in their usual domino game and some of them lost everything but the shirts from their backs and the fillings in their teeth.

Besides the usual ball game and children's sports one of the highlights was the bingo game. One of the best prizes was a lamp made by Joe Kardos our bowling editor.

Attention mushroom hunters! The late rains have brought out an abundance of the deadly "Destroying Angel" mushrooms. This mushroom is the man killer which brought death to quite a few people in the Toledo area. For more information see your shop reporter who has two specimens to show those who should avoid picking this type.

It's Built For Vets

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Federal Housing Commissioner Franklin D. Richards this week announced "the largest single project yet started under the new FHA program providing rental housing for World War II veterans and their families." The project, Meadowbrook Apartments in Indianapolis, "will contain one and two-bedroom apartments renting from $81 to $95 a month." Bureau of Census figures show that the average veteran can pay from $40 to $50 rent. Please, Commissioner, when you mean "for officers only," say so!

Toledo Stamping Notes

By Barbara Koehler

Take off your hats to Glen Holme for the swell job he did in arranging our picnic. Everybody had a good time. Art Klug was master of ceremonies. And Casper Lewandowski did his stuff with the stuff behind the the bar.

Mr. Roderick was on the beam at judging the races and other contests.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Dean with us at the picnic.

And did Mr. Schneider have all the girls hearts fluttering again!

Who was in the spotlight the most, Grandma Pregizer or the new baby?

Mary Hassen has been selected our most popular girl.

More picnic notes: The Misc. girls won the soft ball game, defeating the Press dept.

The Press girls got revenge, however, winning the tug-o-war from the Misc. girls.

According to the paper one of our old palsie walsie has a brand new baby. Congratulations to Alice Mendon.

Newly elected officers for the Toledo Stamping Women bowlers are Barbara Kohler, president; Connie Terrell, vice-president; Ethel Weaver, secretary and Amber Eagleton, treasurer. The girls will open their season Sept. 7 at an's Recreation.

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Invincible PR

By this time, the opponents of the PR, who have been seeking to replace the current system of electing Toledo councilmen with some other and more generally acceptable plan, must ackowledge that the PR crowd is at least resourceful.

Each time that the issue has been brought up, the PR proponents have been successful in passing the test and coming out victorious. They have never failed to create false issues, to insert new issues, to becloud the real issue and to confuse the people, who, in the last analysis, are really opposed to the PR system.

Such ingenuity deserves a worthier cause. At the same time, the diligence with which the PR crowd works and succeeds, would seem to indicate that there is more to their desire to retain the PR system other than the alleged benefits which that system is supposed to bring to those "enlightened" communities which accept this screwy, hit-and-miss, now-you-see-it-now-you-don't, shuffle-duffle form of government.

There is a reason, a very real and tangible reason why the proponents of the PR system, many of whom lie dormant politically until the issue is brought up again, are such avid defenders of the system. And that reason is—at least for the majority of the crusading defenders of the PR—principally economic.

Look for the hidden nickel in the PR lineup and you will readily understand the reason why the advocates of the system rise like minute men to arms the instant that some political upstart attempts to undermine or defeat municipal political status quo.

Look for the hidden nickel and observe the real proponenents of PR, plus the paid hangers-on and the political vultures who profit personally from what they say and write favorable to PR.

Look for the hidden nickel and see if you will not find some wealthy real estate brokers, landlords, big business interests and their corrupt servitors and stooges waiting to do the bidding of those who see values in the PR system that cannot be detected by the average man on the street.

And after you have conducted your research into the PR crowd you will be better able to understand why they can take a reputable public official and get him to submit a plan at one time when their sacred system is threatened, and the very next time, oppose his own plan when PR is in no immediate danger.

If it is true, and it is, that money talks, then it has been crying from the house tops of Toledo. It has ben crying to the minority groups who, because of the PR system, have cloistered themselves in political ghettos and selfishly sought their own group interests instead of the interests of the community-at-large.

Yes, money talks. It speaks a silent but eloquent language, a language of irresponsibility, selfishness and opposition to the progress of the majority. It speaks a language which, while it can be understood by many, is thank the Lord, not heeded by all.

Tuesday's victory for the PR crowd should tell the people of Toledo that it's time for a change. It should tell them that there isn't any easy way to political progress. It takes work, votes and the will to succeed. Until these things are added in abundance to the anti-PR forces, the PR crowd shall continue to win victories and sneer at the people of Toledo who think they should have the right to democratically express themselves on their political system.

Losing Face

Rumors that the National Labor Relations Board is seriously considering ways and means of reversing Robert N. Dunham's interpretation of the Taft-Hartley Act which would require the filing of non-Communist affidavits by all top union officials before any case will be recognized is highly interesting.

If the Board is able to do this, it will cause a serious loss of face for the NLRB general counsel at the very outset of the Act's effective date. This raises the question, purely theoretical, of what Counsel Dunham will do if he does meet with such setback.

It is now apparent that the NLRB counsel has, by his interpretation of the law, done more to give back the lie to those who claim the Taft-Hartley law is fair to labor than all the protesting labor leaders in the nation. He has made the error of interpreting the law as it should be interpreted at a time when Mr. Taft is listening to the political voice of the West. It's a tough break for Taft and an eye-opener for the nation.

Washington LaborReport

By PAUL SIFTON
LPA Columnist

ANTIGONISH, Nova Scotia This is the capital of the co-operative movement up here in this corner of Canada. Here in the three Maritime Provinces, coal miners, steel workers, lobstermen, fishermen and farmers together have built a strong cooperative organization that is worth a look by the AFL and CIO. now turning to cooperatives as an escape from the wage-price-profit treadmill.

Maybe it is just a coincidence — but certainly an interesting one for labor men and women pledged to replace Taft-Hartley supporters with better men and women in 1948 —that the Glace Bay area, th most cooperative spot in ea ern Canada, is represented the Dominion Parliament l Clarence Gillis, UMWA me ber and leader in the Cooper tive Commonwealth Feder tion.

Of course, by definition co operatives must be nonpartisan in politics. That's the way it is in England and here. But one thing seems to lead to another. Once a group of wage-earners and/or farmers get together to worry about being as powerful in spending their money as in earning it, they seem to go right on to wonder what the government is doing to or for their interests.

Once a wage-earner or farmer gets smart about BOTH ends of the pay envelope and joins with others to go in business for himself he tends to get smart about politics, local, national and international.

CO-OPERATION

Up here, wage-earners, fishermen and farmers have brushed aside the middlemen's "let's you and him fight' propaganda and have gotten together in credit unions, in producers and consumers local cooperatives, in area, regional and central buying and selling wholesales. THEY have their own newspaper 'The Maritime Cooperator' published twice a month, and an educational service that gives additional meaning and richness to the savings in dollars and cents.

It might even be that, applied quickly, widely and wisely enough, the Antigonish idea could save the world from recurring booms and busts, the steady growth of monopoly and totalitarianism and, any year now, a rather final atomic war.

I came up here to find out. I talked to A. S. MacIntyre, managing director of the Nova Scotia Co-op Union. He is a coal miner, a former vice president of UMWA District 26. Like other cooperators hereabouts, he knew of the recent AFL and CIO trend toward cooperatives. Like them, he was pleased and hopeful. I told him U. S. readers of LPA Service would be interested in his comment and best advice, based on Nova Scotia experience.

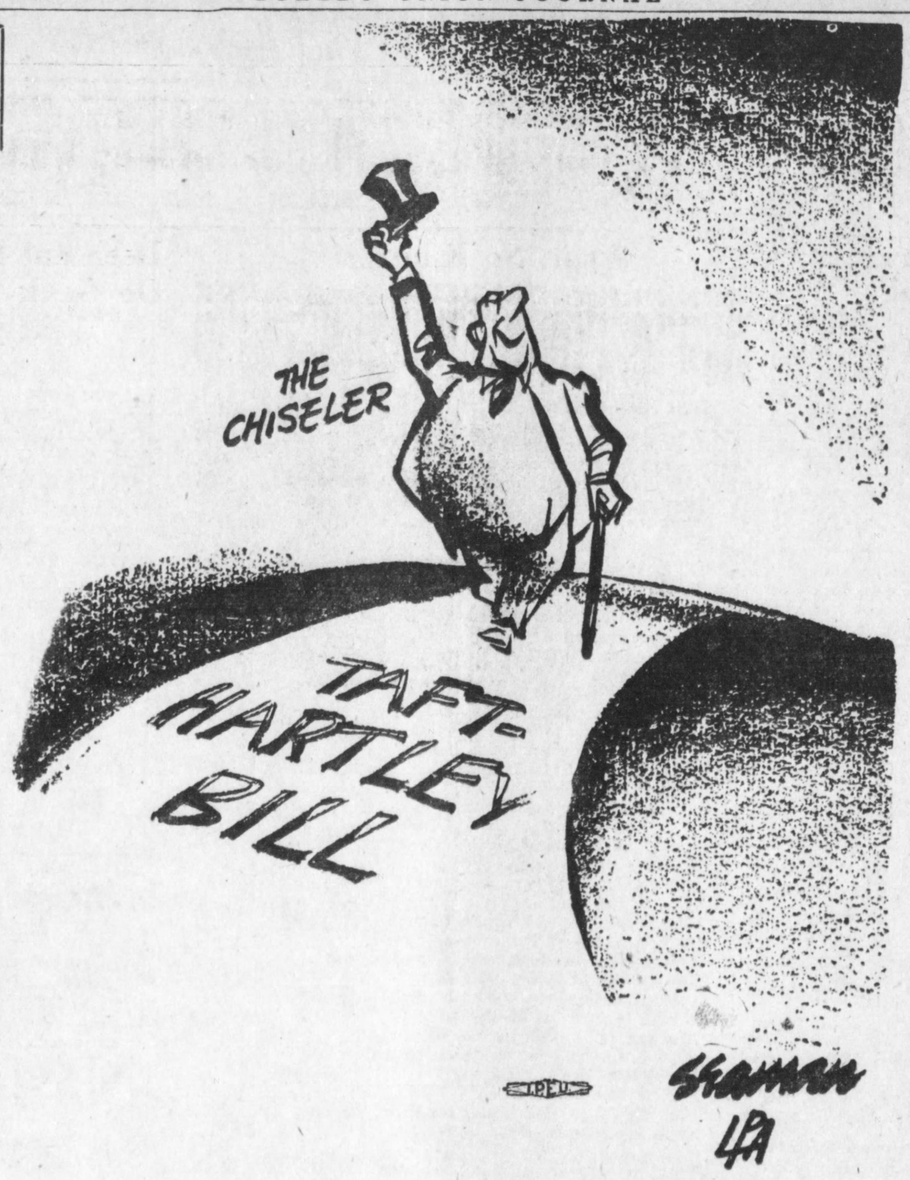
WARNING

"It would be a mistake if the whole 13 million members of organized labor walked into cooperatives tomorrow," MacIntyre said. "In organizing the Cape Breton Island Co-ops, we started with one or two years of educational work, study classes and the like, to lay a groundwork of understanding of the principles of cooperation."

(This pioneering work, which continues with great vigor and spirit, was undertaken in 1928 by the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, under the leadership of Dr. M. M. Coady. Four years later it had re- In 1938, 209 U. S. citizens ceived international attention. came to Antigonish and vicinity to study its methods.)

(In a later column I want to set down MacIntyre's very direct comments on "the labor unionist who refuses to use his power as a consumer (and who) enters into the conflict against oppression with one hand tied behind his back")

The clipsheet of the National Board of Temperance, an ardent prohibitionist outfit, cites approvingly the report that Soviet girls attending drinking parties travel in groups of threes. "Two of them may drink, the third does not; at the next function a shift is made, two drink the third does not. But always, the third, who complains of a 'weak heart' and abstains, also watches." The Russians really have a system for such things. They'd never put up with such nonsense, for example, as the full page advertisements that have been appearing in daily papers throughout the country recently. The ads describe Priscilla Parker lipstick which have "special 'breath-taking' qualities to help mask breath odors resulting from drinking or smoking." One of these lipsticks that is supposed to keep your friends from knowing you've been drinking is named "Burgundy."



THE WELCOME MAT

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR ROULET

Dear Mayor:

As I read of your rejection of your own brain-child in Monday's City Council meeting, the words of Omar about the "potter and the pot" occured to me.

But never mind that, Mr. Mayor, the main point is that the same plan which you advocated last year at a time when things looked rosy for the 21-man Council plan sponsored by Dr. Guitteau, was turned down by you this year when no other plan was threatening save your own.

At the same time that we viewed your dissatisfaction with your own plan this year as proposed by Mike Damas and the Veterans Committee, the thought occured to some of us that it hasn't been so many months since you said that you would not seek re-election.

That makes two subjects upon which you have given us a right to question your sincerity.

1. If you were sincere last year when you advocated the so-called "Roulet Plan" in opposition to the Mayor-21-man Council plan, were you sincere last Monday when you turned thumbs down on the same plan advocated by another.

2. If you were sincere when you said you would not again seek office, were you sincere when you found yourself "drafted" just in the nick of time immediately before your "drafters" filed your petition about which, of course, you knew absolutely nothing.

POLITICS

You know Mr. Mayor, we enjoy watching, and occasionally participating in a little politics, but it appears now, as it inevitably does, that when a man becomes political to the point of sacrificing principles, such as sincerity, truth, and a few of the other virtues which we normally expect in average people, he loses something of human respect, and what is even worse, even his own self-respect.

Nobody ever accused you of being a bad politician. As a matter of fact, while we have not always seen eye-to-eye with you on some of the more important economic and political issues which have occured since you were first "drafted" for office, we have respected you for your beliefs and admired you for your courage in holding for them even when we felt that you were completely wrong.

But nowadays, Mr. Mayor, it begins to appear, particularly since you have refused to abide with your own council plan, that you are slipping and that you now are as anxious to hang on to your own councilmanic job as you are to perpetuate the political method which first brought you into office.

This, Mr. Mayor does not by any means signify that we do not agree that "consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds." On the other hand, we do not agree that a man with a plan advanced as you advanced your plan last year can be credited with sincerity, when, at a time when no other plan was offered in order to give the people of Toledo a clear alternative and choice, you kill your own political child.

THE REAL ISSUE

Of course, this isn't the question. The question is, or was, whether or not City Council should place the Roulet Plan advanced by Mike Damas on the ballot.

How far, if at all, Council was influenced by the opinion of some of the spectators at the Council meeting is not the question. Nor is the question one of whether or not an issue bearing on the method of electing our councilmen should be initiated by petition or by legislative resolution. Neither is it a question of precedent or any of the other sidelights which were cast upon the issue as it worried its way through the climaxing council session.

The real issue now is, as it has always been — just how far are the people of Toledo going to permit the PR crowd, some of the members of city council, and a lot of people who try to influence Council to go before they catch up with them?

And that Mr. Mayor is the question that keeps bumping around in the spot between my ears, particularly when I observe that you too have become throughly infected with the political virus to the point where your sincerity, like that of a few of your fellow council members, has become suspect because of what has occured in the past few months.

After all, the people of Toledo have a right to expect that a gentleman of your repute and character would not sell himself short for the sake of a political party, or for the temporary gain that might come from a bad move which might be of momentary value because it was expedient.

One thing is for sure, Mr. Mayor, we hope that we will not be forced to look upon you, as we do upon Mr. Ramey as a victim of party loyalty. You missed the boat on this one and in so doing have made your candidacy (as top dog) a campaign issue.

OLLIE PECORD

The Dignity Of Labor

By Ruth Taylor

When we speak of the dignity of labor just what do we mean? The dignity of man or the dignity of his work? After all why should we differentiate? Wherein does the difference lie?

To many people the dignity of work is what separates the busy man from the idler, the thoughtful, serviceful man from the drone. But when they think of the dignity of Labor they mean the dignity of those who work with their hands.

We are all workers — with the tools which we are best equipped to use, whether they be a pair of trained skilled hands or a disciplined and agile brain.

It takes all types of toil to keep the wheels of Industry running smoothly. We need doers plus thinkers, action plus planning. We need men of vision who can look ahead —if there is to be work in the future, and we need men who can put those visions into practice. We need constructive thought plus coordinated effort.

Today all types of workers must get together and stay together to retain our American way of life. Each is entirely dependent upon the welfare of the other. For one to profit unfairly at the expense of the other would be tatal to both. What is needed is an ordered opportunity to serve and a just reward for the services of all men.

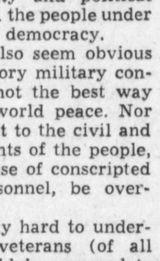
THE SPIRIT

There is a dignity in both Work and Labor. But the dignity lies not entirely in what is accomplished, but in the spirit in which the task is undertaken. We need men with an infinite capacity for never knowing what can't be done, for sticking to the job through good times and bad, for not giving up when the going gets tough.

In the war we learned what Work and Labor mean and what they can do in cooperation. In Peace, with the same zeal and ardor, we have the even bigger job of reconstructing our high standards of living. The war proved that unemployment is unnecessary, that we can, if we try—and if we invest but a small fraction of what the destructions of war costs—bring in an era of prosperity, based on constructive productivity, that will surpass anything ever before known.

This is the task that is before Labor — and Capital—a worthy task, the doing of which will bring dignity and honor to the doer.

Behind the Scenes In Politics



By Clayton Rusch
Chairman
Political Action Committee

Two events took place this week which graphically illustrate the absolute necessity for the workers to register and vote.

One event was the American Legion Convention and the other was the vote of the Toledo City Council on the issue of putting the Damas plan on the ballot this year.

Let us first discuss the significance of the American Legion Convention.

It is quite obvious that the economic interests of veterans are similar to those of the majority of the rest of the population.

The last legion convention passed strong resolutions calling for the liquidation of communist groups through passage and enforcement of restrictive legislation.

Other resolutions called for compulsory military conscription, and rejection of the Taft-Wagner Ellender housing bill.

It would seem obvious that veterans would realize that communism must be fought by progressive measures to provide economic opportunity, social security and political liberty for all the people under an industrial democracy.

It would also seem obvious that compulsory military conscription is not the best way to promote world peace. Nor can the threat to the civil and economic rights of the people, through misuse of conscripted military personnel, be overlooked.

It is equally hard to understand why veterans (of all people) would be opposed to an adequate housing program.

FUN vs WORK

The conclusion is inescapable that the vast majority of delegates to the convention concentrated on having a good time. Meanwhile a small minority of the membership proceeded to enact policies which differ not at all from the program of the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

We of Labor have an object lesson to learn from this situation. The majority of the people must assert themselves and not allow a small group who represents special interests to formulate the program for the whole population.

An object lesson in politics can also be learned from the performance of Toledo City Council last Wednesday.

Last year the supporters of the 21-man council plan had won the right to present their proposal to the voters by securing sufficient signatures on petitions. Before the people had an opportunity to vote on this Mayor Roulet proposed that City Council place on the ballot a plan providing for a nine man council elected at large and adminstrative mayor elected directly by the voters.

At that time such an alternative would have had to compete with the 21 man council plan and the result would have been a victory for the PR plan.

This year when there is no other plan on the ballot, to cause confusion, the mayor refused to support the very same plan he had introduced last year.

This means of course that the PR crowd intend to retain control of city affairs by any means possible. If they were really sure that the people wanted PR they would logically welcome a challenge from all comers.

Those who benefit from a system which guarantees that any block of ten per cent of the voters can elect a councilman, will not hesitate to use any means to avoid a contest.

However, progress cannot be halted indefinitely. The proportional representation method of electing councilmen is an unfair, undemocratic, inaccurate complicated lottery, which tends to perpetuate a cliche in office, thwarts the will of the people, discourages interest in city government and creates an irresponsible administration.

The pay-off will come when the voters of Toledo become sufficiently aroused to develop an effective means to break through the barricade of technicalities and maneuvers perpetrated by those who are quite willing to continue to run the city by thwarting the will of the majority.

The American Legion Convention and the action of City Council last Wednesday illustrates a point we cannot afford to forget.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

To those who participated in the Labor Day parade, the judges, the spectators and all who contributed to the success of our annual turnout, I want to express my sincerest appreciation.

After taking my annual walk with all the CIO brothers and sisters, I returned to the front of the Commodore Perry Hotel to watch the rest of the parade and was really impressed with the fine showing which the various Internationals, Locals and units made, particularly in expressing their dislike for the Taft-Hartley law.

As the various signs carried by the marching groups passed by me, the thought occured to me that if we would all show as much solidarity on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, as we do on the first Monday of September, we would not find ourselves fighting against laws which are distinctly directed against labor.

It has been many years since an issue as basic as the Taft-Hartley law has aroused the labor movement. The last time that labor was stirred up was when the organized employers of the land refused to recognize the labor unions after they had been granted the right to organize and collectively bargain.

A lot of politicians and professional writers and commentators are trying to tell us that the law does not remove any of the basic and just rights of labor. If this is true, which it isn't, doesn't it seem strange that the protest from the labor movement, from the rank and file to the top leadership, is demanding the repeal of the entire Taft-Hartley Act because of its disadvantages to continued organization work and collective bargaining on the part of the unions?

Another thought that none of us should miss, and perhaps some of us did think of it as the Labor Day parade marched past us is this — labor can never feel too contented with itself. There is a good reason for this. The reactionaries, both industrial and political, won't let us relax too far. Just about the time we think we are doing fairly well, along comes the NAM and a reactionary Congress to jar us back to reality.

Knowing these things, and all of labor knows them now, we should all resolve to carry out the theme of the Labor Day parade — REGISTER AND VOTE. I hope all who believe the Taft-Hartley law is wrong and will damage the labor movement will live up to the signs they carried on Labor Day, and will go now and register and prepare to vote this fall and in 1948 to restore the political balance which we must have before we can hope to begin to make more progress.

Thinking It Through

by BEN DOR, LPA Columnist

Wow. What excitement. Just as if Joe Louis, Hank Greenberg, and your favorite movie star had all been hit by a truck on the same day. That's about what has happened to business during the last few weeks, and the business boys are really stirred up.

Within just a few days, the government anti-trust boys let fly at the steel industry, the rubber industry, and some of the lesser fry like the Eastman Kodak Company. Add these cases to the cement case that's already in the courts, and two railroad cases that are steaming up to the Supreme Court and throw in a lot of smaller cases and you really have cause for excitement in Wall Street and on Fifth Avenue.

What's it all about?

Well, prices mostly, and the way these big guys stick you on the very important things that you have to buy from big guys if you are to get them at all.

The government has a long list of the excuses that the steel industry gives for raising the price tag on you. They may charge you freight on something that was produced right around the corner from where you are, and that never moved off the dock until you came for it.

These are only samples, taken from the charges against the steel companies. The other industries have their own ways of getting the same results. And they have been using them for a long time.

If nothing else, the government is giving us another chance to learn about monopolies.

We will see the cost, not alone in dollars; but also in houses and a thousand other things that didn't get built. In the millions of jobs that workers didn't have because the monopolies had priced their products out of the market. We will have a chance to learn how much America has paid because the big boys want to make their profits big, but easy. Because they wanted to be prosperous on small production, and to hell with the rest of us.

Even if the government gets no more out of these cases, they will have been worth while if . . .

. . . if we learn that monopolies are everywhere, and competition is gone

. . . if we learn that you can't have monopolies and full production at the same time

. . . if we learn that anti-trust laws have failed in most cases, and that some new way has to be found to curb the monopolies

. . . if we really get down to business and work out a solution for the monopoly problem that will do what the anti-trust laws have failed to do.

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"Life With Father" Technicolor Version Premiere In Maine

The world premiere performance of Warner Bros.' Technicolor screen version of "Life With Father," co-starring William Powell and Irene Dunne, was presented at Skowhegan, Maine, before a specially invited audience of newspaper editors and public figures, headed by leading dignitaries of the New England States.

For the premiere performance of the film, at which Gov. Horace A. Hildreth, of Maine, and the Maine Development Commission acted as hosts, Warner Bros. has arranged the most extensive program of premiere activities and special events in the history of the company.

The scene of the gala premiere has been the Lakewood Theatre, summer playhouse where, exactly eight years before, the original stage play of "Life With Father" opened for a summer try-out. Received enthusiastically at Skowhegan, the noted American family comedy, which Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse fashioned from the essays of Clarence Day, Jr., went on to New York where it established a record as the longest-running play in Broadway theatrical history.

A series of typical Maine events, including a special "Life With Father aDy" at the Skowhegan State Fair, oldest fair in the United States, has been planned for the premiere.

Among the events scheduled were fireworks display at the State Fair in Skowhegan, special pageantry and reproductions of the "Life With Father" era, complete with flowing moustaches, horsecars and dainty parasols, a series of broadcasts emanating from Lakewood, and a "Life With Father" stake race at the State Fair Grounds. One of the major features was a "State of Maine Dinner" for the visiting celebrities, which feature all the many delicacies for which Maine is famous.

At the world premiere showing of the Warner Bros. film version of "Life With Father", the stars of the original stage play, Howard Lindsay and Dorothy Stickney, were present in person. Gov. Hildrethof Maine, head the delegation of New Englan ddignitaries attending the premiere and Alan Hale, Warner Bros. star, represent Hollywood.

A special train, called the "Life With Father Special," transported the invited guests grom New York and Boston to Skowhegan.

Banners and bands appeared at three leading railroad stations enroute, Waterville, Augusta and Portland, Maine. State Police and deputies were on hand to greet the train. A caarvan of cars and busses transported the guests to the State Fair Grounds for the begining of the festivities.

The big event of the evening, the world premiere of Warner's Technicolor film version of "Life With Father," has taken place at 8 p.m. at the Lakewood Theatre. Lindsay and Miss Stickney have enacted a brief prologue which followed by the premiere of "Life With Father" on the screen.

Spots Before Your Eyes?

THE SPOTS ARE REAL, and the girl is none other than M-G-M's attractive Esther Williams who is currently to be seen in the technicolor drama, "Fiesta." Miss Williams is now making "On An Island With You," with Jimmy Durante and Ricardo Montalban.

Dark Hair For Drama, Says Marie McDonald

HOLLYWOOD — Marie McDonald, one of Hollywood's most famous blonds, has turned—brunette.

Miss McDonald has come to the conclusion that deep dramatic roles and brunettes go hand-in-hand. She hopes her dark hair will prove an aid in her ambition for heavier roles.

To keep on the safe side, however, she is continuing her study of singing and dancing. The latter stood her in good stead when she appeared in the romantic lead opposite Gene Kelly for M-G-M's "Living in a Big Way."

Hale Arrives In N. Y. Enroute To Maine

Alan Hale, Warner Bros. star, has arrived in New York enroute to Skowhegan, Maine, to tae part in the ceremonies attending the world premiere of Warner's Technicolor screen version of "Life With Father," at the Lakewood Theatre on Thursday, August 14.

Hale, accompanied by his son, Alan Hale, Jr., will appear on one of the coast-tocoast radio programs originating from the premiere.

Author's First Novel Wins Big Prize From MGM

HOLLYWOOD — In dramatic setting made to order for the screen, Ross Lockridge, Jr., has been awraded the semi-annual Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer novel award for his stirring first novel, "Raintree County."

The announcement that fame and fortune had descended upon him reached the 33-year-old writer when his personal fortunes were at low ebb. To be exact, he says, he had less than $100, which now will be reinforced by a minimum of $150,000 because of his victory, with the possibility of $250,000, contingent upon sales plus an additional $25,000 should the book receive the Pulitzer Prize.

"Raintree County" will be published in book form by Houghton Mifflin company which will receive $25,000 from M-G-M on publication. Motion picture and allied rights go to the film company.

Second Book Selected

For the first time since the inception of the M-G-M novel award another novel, "About Lyddy Thomas," by Maritta M. Wolff, has also been selected for a psecial award by the M-G-M editorial board for reasons of exceptional merit, and screen rights have been acquired. It will be published as a book by Random House.

Six years have gone into the writing and rewriting of "Raintree County," which the M-G-M judges consider one of the most remarkable novels ever submitted for this award.

Its scenes are centered in an imaginary but symbolic county in the authors native state of Indiana. Time of story alternates between what is called a synoptic day, Fourth of July in the year 1892, and a sequence of flashbacks beginning in 1839 and covering the history of the American republic in peace and war for over half a century.

The M-G-M novel award was instituted in 1944. This year the award, previously an annual event, was established on semi-anual basis.

One of the previous winners is "Green Dolphin Stret," soon to hit the screen with an outstanding cast headed by Lana Turner, an Heflin, Donna Reed and Richard Hart. The other two winners were "Before the Sun Goes Down" and "Return To Night."

Welles Duplicates Martian Man Scare

HOLLYWOOD—Orson Welles created a miniature repeat performance of his famous "man from Mars" panic when filming location sequences of "The Lady from Shanghai" in Sausalito, Calif.

While the camera rolled, Welles staggered dramatically up to the wall telephone in the Walhalla Bar and Cafe, dropped in a nickel and hoarsely said:

"There's been a murder . . . A murder."

In a few minutes there was a shriek of sirens as police sped on the scene. For the telephone was, unknown to Welles, a real one. The operator, hearing Orson's ominous words, immediately notified the police, who rushed three squad cars to the spot.

McCreery's Presents Fashion Show

Leading fashion editors and writers yesterday witnessed the fashions of 1883 at a special showing presented by McCreery's in the Big Top Restaurant of the 34th Street store.

Forty original costumes of Warner Bros.' Technicolor screen version of "Life With Father" were displayed on dressmaker dummies and mannekins.

The setting of the Big Top Restaurant was reminiscent of the 1883 period with waitresses and attendants in costumes of that era.

The entire program was broadcast over WLIB, with Edgar of Hollywood, well-known fashion stylist, acting as commentator.

Knowles Knighted For "Connecticut Yankee"

HOLLYWOOD — Patric Knowles, handsome young Engman, has been assigned the important role of Sir Launcelot in Paramount's "A Connecticut Yankee," Bing Crosby starrer which gets under way October 2. Tay Garnett will direct with Robert Fellows as producer.

As the champion warrior of King Arthur's Round Table, Knowles will have one the most colorful roles of his long and distinguished career. He recently wound up a top part in the Betty Hutton starrer, "Dream Girl," and co-starred with Joan Fontaine in "Ivy."

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News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

What, No Kibitzers?

IMAGINE Marilyn Maxwell playing Solitaire — and alone. How perfect can the weekend guest on a house-boat be? Miss Maxwell who is relaxing between pictures will soon be seen in M-G-M's technicolor musical, "Summer Holiday," which stars Mickey Rooney.

Deer Eat Roses On Gable Ranch

HOLLYWOOD—Clark Gable's soft heard is playing havoc with his roses.

The M-G-M star, now appearing in "The Hucksters," noticed roses disappearing from a hedge on his small farm in the San Fernando Valley.

The thieves proved to be four deer with a taste for posies. They live in nearby hills.

Discussing his plight with a game warden, Gable was offered a permit to kill the intruders, but turned it down.

"I love to hunt," he said, "but I couldn't kill those animals."

"Stranger" Shaping Up As Top Money-Maker

NEW YORK—Results of test-run openings of "Welcome Stranger" indicate that Paramount has in the Bing Crosby-Barry Fitzgerald-Joan Caulfield comedy its number one all-time box-office draw, Charles M. Reagan, the company's vice-president in charge of distribution, stated recently.

Basing his statement on a careful analysis of every factor connected with each of the test runs, Reagan asserted that "in our sincere opinion we have every reason to feel that "Welcome Stranger" will prove to be the biggest box-office attraction in our history."

In each engagement to date the film has topped the mark set by "Going My Way," Paramount's all-time box-office champion.

Sothern Stars In "April Showers"

Ann Sothern has been signed by Warner Bros. for the costarring role opposite Jack Carson in Warner's forthcoming backstage musical, "April Showers."

The film, a show business story headlining a song-and-dance team, will be directed by James V. Kern and produced by William Jacobs for Warner Bros.

Three Top Spots Filled For "Sign Of The Ram"

Three of the most important roles in Columbia's "Sign of the Ram" were filled yesterday with the signing of Phyllis Thaxter for the top supporting part of Sherida; Russ Ford for the romantic male lead, Logan; and Allene Roberts for the important dramatic part of Jane. Susan Peters and Alexander Knox costar in the filmization of the Margaret Ferguson best-selling novel. Irving Cummings is producing and John Sturges directing.

Miss Thaxter, who scored her first screen triumph in her debut role in "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," was noted on the New York stage for her performances in "What A Life," "There Shall Be no Night" and Claudia." More recently she has been seen in such films as "Weed-end At the Waldorf," "Bewitched," "Sea of Grass" and "To Kiss And To Keep."

Ford is the young leading man, formerly under contract to Warner's, who scored a personal triumph in the stage presentation of William Saroyan's "Jim Dandy." Miss Roberts recently attracted wide attention by her performance in Sol Lesser's "The Red House."

Sign Virginia Bruce For "Night Has Eyes"

HOLLYWOOD — Virginia Bruce has been signed for an important and unusual role in Paramount's "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," exciting suspenses drama which stars Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell and John Lund with John Farrow directing.

Miss Bruce will portray Robinson's young assistant in his mental wizard vaudeville act of 20 years ago in the extensive flash-back sequences. Subsequently, one of Robinson's tragic predictions involving Miss Bruce comes true.

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Goddard To Star In Dublin Production

HOLLYWOOD — Paulette Goddard, who is co-starred with Gary Cooper in Paramount's Cecil B. DeMille production "Unconquered," returns to the stage for the first time since the start of her career in show business when Maxwell Anderson's "Winterset" starts an engagement this week at the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin, Ireland, the studio was advised by cable recently.

Her co-star will be her husband, Burgess Meredith, who was starred in the play in its original Broadway run.

Miss Goddard appeared in two Ziegfeld productions and a lead in Arch Selwyn's "The Conquering Male" before entering films.

De Mille Bows In Barrel Bath Dispute

HOLLYWOOD — There was a note of high expectancy, tinged with sadness, on the set of "Unconquered" at Paramount recently. The expectancy was aroused by a much-heralded scene—Paulette Goddard taking a bath in a crude wooden barrel.

It was the wooden barrel that injeced the note of sadness. Bathing in a barrel was not in line with the tradition of the man who was directing the scene. Cecil DeMille has stood for big-time bathing on the screen for decades, and seeing someone with natural allure of Goddard taking her ablutions in a barrel was a shock to DeMille's pride in such matters.

Sudless Era

The era of "Unconquered" is 1763, and the place where Miss Goddard performs the Saturday night rite is a blacksmith shop. Nothing could be more un-DeMillean than this, particularly to a man who believes there should be as much sex as suds in screen bathing.

The way Miss Goddard actually took the bath represented a victory for the alert forces of the Johnson office (erstwhile Hay's office). Originally, DeMille planned the bath for Paulette without suds, on the none-too-profound theory there were no suds in 1763. In practically as many words, DeMille informed the Johnston office that the Lever Brothers and bubble baths were not known in that era, and what soap there was, was decidedly allergic to suds.

Modern Bubbles

But the Johnston office insisted that, in terms of movie morality, it takes a heap of suds to make a girl decent who is bathing in a low-cut barrel, 1763 or no 1763.

So, in absolute opposition to the dictates of history and authenticity, (DeMille is a fanatic on authentic detail, DeMille turned his cameras on Goddards as she waved her arms symphonically in a barrel teeming with 1947 suds.

Once in the course of a rehearsal Gary Cooper, who is called upon to dash a bucket of water playfully upon Paulette, dashed it so hard that an indiscreet number of bubbles went billowing over the side of the barrel. There were frantic cries, and two alert property men rushed forward and held up a large square of plywood to obscure the heroine from the greedy eyes of the twentieth-century world.

Simmons, Newcomer Gets 8th Film Role

HOLLYWOOD—In less than a year and a half, Dick Simmons starts his eighth screen role with announcement by M-G-M that he has been selected for the role of the romantic naval officer in "Luxury Liner."

In the Technicolor musical the young actor will have love scenes with both Frances Gifford and Jane Powell.

Upon his release from the army, Simmons went into "Love Laughs at Andy Hardy," followed by featured parts in "Lady in the Lake," "This Time for Keeps," "Undercover Maizie," "The Birds and the Bees," "The Pirate," and "On an Island with You."

"Luxury Liner," produced by Joe Pasternak, will feature Jane Powell, Frances Gifford, Lauritz Melchior and Marina Koshetz.

"My Own True Love" Marks Four "Firsts"

HOLLYWOOD—At least four "firsts" recently were rung up at Paramount as "My Own True Love" went into production. The film marks debuts of Phyllis Calvert, Compton Bennett, Philip Friend and al Lewton as star, director, featured player and producer, respectively.

For Miss Calvert "My Own True Love" will be the first of several starring films under her exclusive American contract with Paramount. Compton Bennett, who directed the British box-office sensation. "The Seventh Veil," is making his American directorial debut. Philip Friend, British actor seen in such films as "In Which We Serve" and "Next of Kin," is also making his Hollywood bow in the picture.

Melvyn Douglas co-stars with Miss Calvert in the film, which feautres Wanda Hendrix.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Sports Editor
Local 12 Recreation Director

The American Association's perpetual motion machine, Minneapolis Pitcher Steve Gerkin, today was finally named the league's most valuable player of 1947 as the Baseball Writers' Chapter came up with the closest competitive voting in years.

Nine other choice Association players were involved in the balloting and Relief Hurler Gerkin never won a closer game than he did this battle. It was a clean-cut victory, nevertheless, since he actually would have won the award even without the votes he polled from his own Minneapolis writers' fraternity. But Columbus' Don Lang and Kansas City's Cliff Mapes were breathing hot on his heels.

Birdie Rule

Gerkin, the automaton right hander who is currently breaking and rebreaking all-time baseball records for number of pitcher-appearances in a single season, was called into his 79th game of the season on September 1. The old record was 66, established in 1945 by Buffalo's John Podgajny.

Lean and loose and equipped with a rubber arm, Gerkin spent half of the 1945 season with the Philadelphia Athletics then was sent to Salem and Tacoma in the Western International League last year. He appeared in 53 contests in that circuit to set a new league record there.

A. A. managers will testify he's certainly more than a "cannon fodder" relief pitcher, and his amazing record of 10 won, 2 lost is evidence enough of that. Age 30 and a resident of Baltimore, Md., the "Slivver", as his teammates call him, is employed as an automobile mechanic during the off-season. He broke into organized baseball with Lancaster in the Inter-State League back in 1943.

In marked contrast to the 1945 season when Indianapolis' Stan Wentzel ran away with the "most valuable" award and to the year of 1946 when Toledoan Jerry Witte had the votes all to himself, the current balloting developed into a gang fight. Lang and Mapes could not be counted out until the final day of voting by the 53 Writers' Chapter members.

Other American Association sparklers very much in the race included Heinz Becker and Alvin Dark of Milwaukee, Mike Natisin and Ira Hutchinson of Columbus, Ed Stewart of Kansas City, Phil Haugstad of St. Paul and Andy Gilbert of Minneapolis.

Gerkin will receive a $100 savings bond from the league for winning the award.

Local 12 Plays In District Tournament

Manager Joe Schuette, of the Local 12 baseball team has his team in readiness for the District Tournament of the National Baseball Congress. The Local 12 All-Stars won the District title at Norwalk, Ohio, last year, and will be defending champions when this season's tournament gets under way.

The Local 12 All-Stars have been strenghtened considerably this year and Manager Schuette expects to bring the title back to Toledo again.

Who holds the all-time major league record for most games pitched in a season?

William H. White, Cincinnati Nationals, 1879, 75 games.

Local 12 Softball Team Plays Sunday

The Local 12 All-Stars softball team will play the Spicer Mfg. Unit outfit at 1:30 p. m., Sunday, at Highland Park Diamond No. 2. The game will be the first of a two-game program.

The second game, which will start at 3 p. m., will bring together the Toledo Joint Council and the Joint Board of St. Louis, Mo. Proceeds of the contests will be donated to the Toledo Joint Council Athletic Fund.

Toledo Joint Council Plays Here Sunday

Highland Park will be the scene Sept. 7 (next Sunday) at 2 p. m. of an intersectional CIO sports contest between the Toledo Joint Council and St. Louis, Mo., Joint Board softball teams.

On hand to throw in the first ball will be Martin C. Kyne, New York, executive secretary of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union with which the two unions are affiliated.

Twenty-five youths from the Boys Club of Toledo have been invited by the TJC to be guests at the game.

The challenge game, the first in the history of the labor organization, will feature an all-star team from the St. Louis union's league against the TJC nine which took third place in the Local 12-UAW-CIO loop.

Magnetic Springs Is Pre-Game Site

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 5—For the better part of 30 ycars, Ohio State University's football squads have been quartered in country clubs of Columbus on the night before a home game. Precedent will be broken this season, however, when the Bucks will spend five Friday nights at the Park hotel in Magnetic Springs, 33 miles north of Columbus. On the night before the Illinois game Nov. 15, the squad will be housed on the top floor of the Deshler Hotel.

The squad will be taken to Magnetic Springs late Friday afternoon and returned to the stadium Saturday noon. Other Western Conference schools have spent pre-game nights at Magnetic Springs in previous years.

FISHING

Someone at some time or other has added up all the fun that comes from fishing with the conclusion, "Fishing is a wonderful disease; thank goodness there is no cure!"

Local 12 Football Season Gets Underway

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Many CIO Members Enjoy Labor Day Picnic

Prizes Awarded Game Winners

Members of the CIO, 8,000 strong, turned out for the annual Labor Day picnic at Navarre Park and enjoyed a day of sports, entertainment, concessions, refreshments, races, and other recreational activities.

Immediately following the big Labor Day parade, the many CIO members and their families went to spacious Navarre Park to spend the day in an outing which will long be remembered by many of the picnickers.

The kiddies were treated to free rides on the ponies, merry-go-round, the whip, skooter and several other concessions. Also give to the children were thousands of ice cream bars, boxes of pop corn, bags of peanuts, bottles of pop, balloons, and bars of candy.

For entertainment of the children and the grown-ups alike, the Local 12 baseball team played the Zedlitz Meats in an exhibition game which produced many thrilling plays for the CIO fans. A preliminary game was played between the Colonial Hardware team and the team from Collins Park, Knothole Champions of Toledo. In the feature game, the Zedlitz Meats emerged the winner while the Knothole Champions won the victory in the junior attraction.

There was a full sports program for the kiddies and the grown-ups and the following were the winners of the events: In the 50 yard race for girls under ten years of age, Joyce Ball, 723 Grove Place, won a tennis racket for crossing the finish line first; Melvin Compston won a fancy pocket knife for winning the same type of race for boys; Julia Martin, 1925 Owens street, was awarded a beautiful lace plastic table cloth for winning the dash for girls under sixteen years, while Wayne Kautz, 957 Forysthe street, received a pocket watch for coming out first in the race for boys up to sixteen years. Twenty-six eager children competed in the pie-eating contest which was easily won by Ann Mattox, 3218 Mayo street.

The three-legged race, which always affords a lot of entertainment for the spectators, and spills for the contestants, was entered by twenty-five pairs of racers who dragged and pulled each other toward the finish line. Robert Teet and Melvin Moulton, both of Route 1, were the victors in this attraction and were awarded strong fishing tackle boxes. Married men competed against single men in a tug-of-war which was won, after several minutes of struggling, by the single members of the CIO. In a similar contest, the married women avenged their marital status and easily defeated the single women in about one minute of tugging.

Record Crowds

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 5—Michigan's three largest home football crowds were the Wolverine-Notre Dame game of 1943 when 86,408 fans witnessed the contest and the Army and Illinois games last season. Officially the count was the same for both—85,938—the number of seats set up and sold.

Penny Scramble At CIO Picnic

The children shown above are scrambling for pennies, as one of the events of the sports program at the 1947 Labor Day CIO Picnic at Navarre Park. Thousands of children enjoyed themselves at the annual CIO affair when they were treated to free rides on concessions and received ice cream, soft drinks, pop corn, balloons, peanuts, and candy with the compliments of CIO locals affiliated with the Toledo Industrial Union Council.

American Assn. Playoffs Pending

Kansas City, Louisville and Milwaukee probably won't know who their fourth playmate will be in the Shaughnessy playoffs until the very last day of the season, but it is already a foregone conclusion that these post-season eliminations will start on the night of September 9 in Kansas City and Louisville.

Minneapolis, Columbus and Indianapolis likely will fight right up to the wire on Sunday, September 7, to determine finally who shall have fourth place and the remaining playoff berth. If two of those clubs happen to be tied in fourth place in the standings at the season's close they will play each other one game on the following day to establish their final resting places.

Hosts to the playoff opener will be the American Association's pennant winner and runner-up and right now that looks to be the Blues and the Colonels. The first set of eliminations, a best four out of seven affair, will find the first place club playing the third-placers, and the team in second battling the fourth position outfit.

Path of the victor in the complete A.A. playoffs leads straight to the coveted Junior World Series with the International League winner. Last year Montreal bested Louisville in this classic, four games to two, but the Association has a history of 16 series won, 13 lost, since the inauguration of the interleague skirmish.

Who was the bigger man, Carnera or Willard?

Willard.

How old is Babe Ruth?

Ruth was 53 last birthday, Feb. 7.

Chappuis Is Best

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 5—Bob Chappuis of Toledo, Michigan left halfback, is called by Fritz Crisler, the finest passer he's had in 16 years of big-time coaching. Crisler rates him in a class with Bennie Friedman and Harry Newman, two of the Wolverines' greatest. Chappuis set a combined Big Nine offensive record of 1,039 yards, of which 596 yards was by passing as he combined 36 of 64. Chappuis, who set his mark with a fractured bone in his wrist, underwent an operation on it and has been working daily all summer on passing.

FAWN BORN ON HIGHWAY

A group of Cleveland men going toward Leesville Lake to fish recently were surprised when their headlights flashed on a doe deer lying in the center of the road. They stopped and the deer walked to the side of the road, leaving behind her a small bundle lying in the road.

The men got out of the car and walked to the scene to discover that the doe had given birth to a fawn. They took some rags from their machine and carried the new arrival to the side of the road out of harm's way.

Harness Racing Starts Sept. 20

Ohio's best known harness racing figures will be in charge of proceedings when Toledo Fort Miami Raceway opens its big fall meeting Saturady night Sept. 20th, Sam S. Cordovano, president and general manager of the Raceway, announced today.

Presiding Judge will be Dr. Reuben Hilty, Lucas County Commissioner, and long a familar figure in harness racing circles. Last year Dr. Hilty served as associate judge and long has been known as one of the fathers of the harness sport in the Toledo Area.

Serving as Racing Secretary will be Ray Jenkins of Newark, Ohio, regarded as one of the foremost harness experts in this section of the country. The Hilty-Jenkins combination is expected to prove highly satisfactory both to horsemen and racing fans.

Fort Miami's meeting will run through 22 nights closing out Wednesday Night, Oct. 15th. Cordovano and his associates expect several hundred standard breds to be on hand for the entire meet with some of the best-known trotters and pacers making their headquarters at the sporty suburban Toledo establshment.

An oddity in the National League occurred on Aug. 9. At the Polo Grounds on that day, Connie Ryan, who formerly played with the Giants, belted a grand slam home run. And, over in Brooklyn on that same day, Howie Schultz, a Dodger castoff, also banged a grand slam homer against his former teammates.

Record Turnout At Meeting; New Coach Will Be Announced

The 1947 football season for Local 12 players and members started Wednesday night when a number of enthusiastic former team members and new tryouts attended a pep meeting at the Union headquarters. From all indications, a banner year will be enjoyed by Local 12 football followers because of the fact that the turnout was the largest to date for this branch of UAW recreation.

Plans for the coming season were discussed with the players and personnel of the team. It was announced that, through arrangements made with Father Jerome Schmidt, director of the Catholic Youth Organization, the Local 12 heavyweight football team would hold all practice sessions at St. John's Field, Bancroft St. and Parkside Blvd.

The Local 12 football team will be entered in the heavyweight division of the Toledo Football Federation. Besides Federation games, the Local 12 football team will engage out-of-town teams in nearby Ohio and Michigan cities. The Local 12 team recently received an offer to play the Youngstown Vets Bombers in a cancer benefit game in that city. The two teams will meet later in the season at a date yet to be decided upon by the management of both teams. Other semi-pro teams have sought games with Local 12 already this season.

Practice sessions will begin at 4 p. m. Monday at St. John's Field, and will be held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter.

A new coach, who will replace last year's Bob Martin, will be announced in a few days. Several coaches with college and high school experience are being considered for the position. Bob Martin will be unavailable this season due to the press of other Union duties.

Many of last year's Local 12 players attended the organization meeting Wednesday and are most anxious to begin regular field drills so that they will be ready when the season opens, which is thought to be in the early part of October.

Teams desirous of booking games with the Local 12 football team are asked to call, or write to, the Local 12 Recreation Director, 425 Winthrop St.

Toledo Jeeps Plan Season

With a nucleus from last year's squad which wound up in the finals of the world's professional tournament in Chicago and the No. 1 performer from the 1946-47 collegiate ranks already in line, things look bright for the Toledo Jeeps as another National Basketball League season looms ahead.

Prize catch by the Jeeps during the off season, of course, has been Harry Boykoff, the six foot, nine inch former St. John's College star who comes into pro ball as one of the most touted newcomers in the history of the sport.

Boykoff, who weighs 235 pounds, captained the St. John's quintet last season from his center position and earned all-American recognition. He hit his peak of fame when he flipped in 54 points to set a new Madison Square Garden individual scoring record.

Already signed from last year's team which wound up in the league playoffs and proved the sensation of the Chicago tournament are Paul Seymour, Hal Tidrick, Johnny Schick and Bernie Mehen.

Gym Hours

The Local 12 gymnasium will be open to all members between the hours of 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. daily.

On Saturdays, for those who can't attend sessions during the week, the gymnasium will be available from 12 noon until 5 p. m.

Red MacDonald is in charge of the gymnasium and will be available for massages, rub-downs, infra-red, and ultra-violet ray light treatments.

Players who are picked for the National League's All-Star team receive handsome gifts. Ford Frick, president of the league, initiated this plan many years ago. A watch is given to players participating in their first game and other gifts are provided so that if a player is selected more than once he will receive a different gift each time.

What is Ty Cobb's lifetime batting average?

.367.

Are the Browns the only major league team to have won only one pennant?

No. Cleveland in the American and Boston and Philadelphia in the National are also one-timers.

When Ewell Blackwell, the Cincinnati Reds' ace right-hander, reeled off his winning streak of 16 straight, he bettered by five the longest skein since Carl Hubbell's 16 straight in 1946. In 1941, Elmer Riddle, also of the Reds, won 11 straight and Ted Wilks, of the Cardinals, also won 11 in a row in 1944.

How old was Jess Willard when he won the world heavyweight title?

32.

CAUTIOUS PITCHERS

During his big league career, Babe Ruth was walked 2,065 times. Also, during his major league career, "The Sultan of Swat" batted across 2,209 runs.

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

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